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To our residents & businesses . . .

Thank you all for your patience and understanding following last week's record snow storm! A big "thank you" also goes to the many crews that worked throughout the past days. Here's a recap for today.

- MCDOT crews continue to clean up neighborhood streets, widen intersections and improve conditions on residential streets. At this time, we ask businesses and residents to ensure the sidewalks along their properties are passable. We understand this is a difficult task, but it must be accomplished to provide safe routes for people to get to public transportation, people using wheelchairs and with other physical challenges, and for children when they return to school. The County is accepting complaints about uncleared sidewalks online at www.mc311.com
- Residents who may still have missed streets should report them at www.mc311.com. Residents can contact the County's centralized phone answering system MC311 by dialing 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311.
- Free parking in County garages and lots ended Thursday at 9 a.m.
- Ride On bus system resumed regular operations on Thursday.
- MCPS Schools Closed today, Friday, January 29; Administrative Offices Opened on time. FREE LUNCHES were provided at 11 school sites. Visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/> for details.
- Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation aquatic centers and recreation centers are open for drop-in use. Classes, programs and planned activities are cancelled.
- County-provided recycling and trash collection resumed on Thursday, on the regular day-of-the week schedule. Yard trim will not be collected this week. Recycling and trash containers must be free of snow and ice. Yard waste collection will be cancelled for the remainder of the week.

**Montgomery County's Commission for Women presents
The 36th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing
Sunday, January 31 11:30am – 6:00pm
(program begins at 12:00n)
The Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg II
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville**

Notable workshop speakers include: Sally Botsai, the first female to represent the National Security Agency in the White House Situation Room; and Perry Barber, a professional baseball umpire. A variety of topics will be covered, including: Advocacy: Learning from Grassroots Experts; Economic Justice for Women; Health and Safety for Women and Girls; Emerging Populations: Immigrants, Females in the Military; Reentry Programs for Female Inmates; Senior Women in Long-Term Care; and Women in Leadership. The documentary, "A Path Appears: Sex Trafficking in the USA" will also be shown. The program will conclude with a reception with county and state elected officials.

Admission, including refreshments, is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

To pre-register, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw. (Note: The workshops for teenage girls are full.)
For more information, call 240-777-8333.

Cancelled

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Montgomery, February 1 7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center

New Date! – February 8

As a result of the recent snow storm, the public forum on the upcoming operating budget that was originally planned for January 25th has been rescheduled.

Upcounty residents, organizations & businesses . . . Your comments are needed!
What are your thoughts on the County's Operating Budget?
Come and share your suggestions!



County Executive Leggett to Hold Public Forum on the FY17 Budget

Monday, February 8 7:00pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, MD

This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input for the County's budget for fiscal year 2017 which begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017. Come out with your questions and suggestions!

Click for map [BlackRock Center for the Arts: January 25, 2016.](#) The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget in March. The County Council must approve the operating budget by the end of May. Learn more about the County's operating budget at <https://reports.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb> !

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, TTY 240-773-3556 or email a request to Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Inclement weather policy for County-appointed boards, committees and commissions --- If Montgomery County Public Schools open late, morning meetings are cancelled. If schools close early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled. If schools are closed all day, all meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.

Montgomery County Council reschedules events due to winter storm

Get details at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

Proposed Watkins Mill Interchange on I-270; County Executive and County Council Asks State to Restore Original Plan

The State recently announced that they intend to scale down the long-planned interchange on I-270 at Watkins Mill Road in Gaithersburg. Both the Executive and the Council have asked the Governor and the State Department of Transportation to reconsider the recent plan change.

WSSC to Hold Three Public Hearings in February on FY17 Preliminary Proposed Budget

WSSC will hold three public hearings in February on its preliminary proposed budget for FY17 as follows:

Montgomery County

February 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
The Stella B. Werner Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 7th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Prince George's County

February 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
The RMS Building - Room 308
1400 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20774

WSSC Headquarters – Laurel

February 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
WSSC Headquarters
14501 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, MD 20707

The formal budget document will be available on January 15, 2016, on WSSC's website at <https://www.wsscwater.com/about-us/financial-information.html>. WSSC is using paid advertising and social media to alert the public about the budget hearings.

Written comments can be submitted electronically to BudgetGroup@wsscwater.com, or mailed to Letitia Carolina-Powell, Budget Group Leader, WSSC, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD, 20707 until February 16, 2016.

Questions can be directed to Jim Neustadt, jim.neustadt@wsscwater.com, 301.206.8100.

Montgomery Councilmember Rice, MCPS Interim Superintendent Bowers, & Montgomery College President Pollard to host 5 forums on education budget

The first is in Germantown!

Wednesday, February 17 6:30pm-8:30pm
Montgomery College – Germantown Campus
Bioscience Educational Center (BE Building—Room 151)
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard on Feb. 17 will host the first of five public forums to provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. This will be the second annual Countywide tour to address the budget process.

The forums also will talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt its Fiscal Year 2017 budget. In May, the County Council will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

The forum series will continue on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Einstein High School at 11135 Newport Mill Road in Kensington.
- Wednesday, March 9, at Gaithersburg High School at 101 Education Road in Gaithersburg.
- Wednesday, March 16, at Magruder High School at 5939 Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville.
- Wednesday, March 23, at Thomas S. Wootton High School at 2100 Wootton Parkway in Rockville.

All forums will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For further information about any of the forums, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at: Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov



AHCMC Joins Americans for the Arts' National Study of the Economic Impact of Arts and Humanities Sector

Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 (AEP5) is a national study conducted by Americans for the Arts that measures the economic impact of spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences in America. This year, AHCMC will support AEP5 as one of nearly 300 study partners across the nation by managing research and data collection activities specific to Montgomery County's arts and humanities sector. AHCMC will distribute surveys and anonymous questionnaires to grantees and other local cultural groups that will measure the impact of arts spending on local jobs, income paid to local residents, and revenue generated to local and state governments. Americans for the Arts hopes to release the results of the study in June of 2017. ([Full Press Release](#))

For recent data on MoCo's arts and humanities sector's economic impact, see our report, [The Strength of the Creative Economy](#).

Local Companies to be Honored for 2016 Minority Business Leader Awards

The Washington Business Journal will recognize four Montgomery County companies with 2016 Minority Business Awards in February.

The Washington Business Journal will recognize the Greater Washington region's top minority business owners and leaders at the 9th Annual Minority Business Leader Awards program on Thursday, February 25. These awards will honor the entrepreneurial drive, creativity and success of the honorees. Among the...

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Congratulations to all!

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>